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(KEESSEE)

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CPYRGHTAUSTIN, TEX.--A FEDERAL COURT JURY TODAY RESUMED DELIBERATION INTO A KOREAN WAR HERO'S STORY THAT HE THOUGHT HE WAS PREPARING FOR A ROLE AS A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AGENT BY WRITING BAD CHECKS ON A CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP.

SGT. BOBBY JOE KEESSEE OF AMARILLO, TEX., WAS CHARGED WITH INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF A STOLEN CAR. THE COUNT WAS THE FIRST OF 152 FEDERAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST THE 28-YEAR-OLD AMOL SOLDIER AFTER HE FLEW A STOLEN AIRPLANE TO CUBA MARCH 23.

KEESSEE, WINNER OF THE BRONZE STAR AND HOLDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, TESTIFIED YESTERDAY THAT HE FLEW TWO MEN TO CUBA, BUT THOUGHT HE WAS DOING IT FOR THE CIA.

HE ALSO ADMITTED WRITING "50 OR 60" BAD CHECKS WHILE DRIVING A RENTED CAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM ALASKA TO FLORIDA. KEESSEE SAID HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM A PERSON HE IDENTIFIED AS "BUDDY CARSON," AN AGENT OF THE CIA.

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THE JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF A STOLEN CAR.

HE WILL BE SENTENCED THURSDAY BY FEDERAL JUDGE BEN H. RICE.

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